could be incurred, but with the amounts already spent for modernization, Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) have been able to procure substantial quantity of sophisticated weaponry, communication/surveillance equipment and bullet proof vehicles which are being used extensively by the CPMFs during various operations with good effect.

It has been a constant endeavour on the part of the Government to equip the forces with modem weaponry/equipments etc. In order to ensure speedy/full utilization of earmarked funds, the Government has taken various steps to expedite procurement process such as setting up of expert groups for formulation of qualitative requirements, initiating process for procuring items not available on DGS&D late contracts through open tender, etc.

Non-utilization of funds under modernisation of police force scheme

†2384. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount given to different States for modernization of police forces is not utilized fully;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints or information regarding the diversion of this amount for some other purpose by State Governments;

(c) the effects of the diversion or non-utilization of the full amount on the security system; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The funds released to various State Governments under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) have been, by and large, fully utilized by States except a few instances of unspent funds being carried over to the subsequent year(s). However, no specific complaint or information regarding diversion of the funds has been received in this Ministry. Instructions are issued from time to time to the State Governments to ensure proper and timely utilization of funds released during previous years and funds are released in subsequent years in the light of utilization reports received from the States.

Naxal attack on people's representatives and officials

†2385. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of incidents of attack of Naxalite's Organisation on people's representative and officers of General Administration have increased in the last three years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.